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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Ghana

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension: 1 January to 31 December 2001

1. The first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Ghana, which covered the period 1998-2000, was approved by the UNDP Executive Board at its first regular session of 1998. The CCF was based primarily on the Government's long-term objective of accelerated economic and social growth, as stated in the National Development Policy Framework (NDPF), Ghana Vision 2020 (1996-2020).

2. The new Government, elected in January 2001, is seeking a one-year extension of the present CCF because, in the brief period since presidential and parliamentary elections in December 2000, it has been unable to initiate the necessary processes of consultation to prepare the next CCF. In addition, the mid-term review of the present CCF, scheduled for June 1999, could not be held until August 2000. The country review, with the inputs of the new Government, was finalized only in February 2001 and reviewed by the Programme Working Group in March 2001.

3. Furthermore, as indicated above, the framework of reference for the CCF is the NDPF, in particular the Medium-term Development Plan (MTDP), whose formulation for the period 2001-2005 is still in progress, as is the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. The Government believes that preparation of the next CCF should be informed by these two policy documents, hence the need for an extension.

4. In the current CCF, the primary strategic objective recommended by the Government was UNDP support in the promotion of sustainable human

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development, with poverty eradication as its main focus. Two priority thematic areas were identified: poverty reduction; and national capacity development and utilization, with gender as a cross-cutting theme. The objective and programmes of the CCF remain relevant and in accordance both with national priorities and corporate priorities of UNDP. Therefore, extending the CCF will not affect programme implementation. Nor will extension affect harmonization of programming cycles, as the United Nations Development Assistance Framework II covers the period 2001-2005. Moreover, there has been no significant change in the national context.

5. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first CCF for Ghana for a period of one year, from 1 January to 31 December 2001.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Ghana (1998-2001)

Source	*Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)*	*Comments*
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated carry-over	6 007	Includes carry-over of TRAC 1, TRAC 2 and the earlier AOS allocations.
TRAC 1.1.1	8 149	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	996	
Subtotal	15 152[a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	1 000	
Third-party cost-sharing	2 500	
Funds, trust funds and other	3 261	
	of which:	
Japanese Human Resources Development Fund	300	
Capacity 21	83	
Montreal Protocol	450	
GEF	2 428	
Subtotal	6 761	
Grand total	21 913[a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.
Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environment Facility; SPPD = support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.